

# NATIONAL BOXCAR HOBOS

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**DONATIONS:** The Dames from Georgia presented the Boxcar Hobos with another donation this year. Unsure of the amount donated but our thanks go out to them once again. Merci.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Vice President, Judy Pfalzgraf. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. The opening prayer was given by Holy Hobo, Elizabeth Jahnke.

National Boxcar Directeur, Ron Wheeler, was introduced. Two National Boxcar Sous Directeurs were also present.

Since most of the attendees at Nationale flew to Vancouver, WA, only one train was brought, Voiture 99. Transportation for the children had been prearranged so the train was not used to transport the children. However, they were able to visit the train after the party and they seemed to be excited to be able to climb on the train.

Secretary Betty Reisenweber asked for approval of the minutes reported in the October 2010 Newsletter. Approved.

Betty also brought up having the information regarding the National Boxcar Hobo Association put on the internet under the 40/8 website. We were told that it would not cost the Hobos anything to do this. After some discussion, the group approved. As new membership cards are mailed out, the members will be notified to check the website for information.

The treasurer's report was read.

The audit report was held after the Hobo meeting.

Elizabeth Jahnke, Holy Hobo, held the Memorial Service. The bell was tolled for the following hobos lost since Nationale, 2010: Virginia Anne Betsekas – KY, Valerie Matarrese – CA, Nevin Rovenolt – PA, Raymond Goss – CA, Ronald Peters - KY, Bill Kies – MN and Jim Rowley, SD.

Betty reported that as of 13 September 2011, there were 370 members. Dues not paid since 2009 will be dropped. Currently we have 45 that will be dropped. The number of 2008 members dropped 1 January 2011 were 27.

Please remember that if you have a change of name or address, or, if you know of a member that has passed throughout the year, contact me either by letter, phone or email so we can make sure that the plaque is up-to-date.

The question came up about requirements for LIFE membership. According to the by-laws, hobos must also be members of the 40/8, either a dame or voyageur, in order to be a LIFE member. We currently have a LIFE member that has dropped out of the 40/8. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the member informing them to either renew membership with the 40/8 or be dropped from the Boxcar Hobo Association. If the member chooses NOT to renew their 40/8 membership, they would be dropped from the Boxcar Hobo Association with loss of membership fee.

**REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S PARTY:** Mr. Wheeler reported that approximately 55 preschoolers plus their escorts would be attending. Cost per child was \$15.00. A motion was offered to pay \$900.00 for the Children's Party. Approved.

Before any pictures of the children at the party were taken, the Director of the preschool asked if anyone was not permitted to have their photo taken. Since milk was being served to the children, she asked if anyone was unable to drink milk.

**ELECTIONS – OFFICERS FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR:**

President	Judy Pfalzgraf - WI
Vice President	Linda Marriott - FL
Secretary	Betty Reisenweber - AL
Asst Secretary	Ellen Irvin - MI
Treasurer	Cheryl Jammick - MI
Holy Hobo	Elizabeth Jahnke - WI
Sgt-at-Arms	Carol Underhill – FL
Jr. Past President	Otha Newton, Jr. – VA

Executive Committee

3 Yr – John McCloud – OK  
2 Yr – John Schnatz – AL  
1 Yr – Karen Kies – MN

Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Les Hoskins – MI  
Ellen Irvin – MI  
Pat Kwoka – NJ

The officers for 2001-2012 were sworn in by Ken Reisenweber, Alabama.

The new president stated that she hopes to continue the great job. She thanked everyone for allowing her to be president.

Before closing, Secretary Betty asked that someone to please consider taking over as Hobo Secretary at the meeting at Nationale in 2012 as she plans to run for Nationale La Presidente.

There being no further business, proceeded to close the meeting with a Salute to the Colors and a closing prayer by Holy Hobo.

The meeting closed 9:00 AM.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** I am again including my address so that you can forward anything you may have to me. My name is Betty Reisenweber and my address is: 2406 Yorkshire Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35803.

I am also including the following forms for change of address and names of people to be added to the memorial plaque. Please send me the information so we can continue to be current.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PERSON TO BE ADDED TO OUR MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF DEATH, if known** \_\_\_\_\_

Boxcar Hobo Dues: Hobo dues are \$5.00 per year. Our year is from 9/1 – 8/31 each year. There has been some misunderstanding about dues in the past, so this box will be a permanent part of the Boxcar Hobo newsletter. Send all payments to: National Association Boxcar Hobos at 2406 Yorkshire Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35803. Ph: 256-603-6568. Email address: [breisenweber@gmail.com](mailto:breisenweber@gmail.com). Life Membership: \$100.00 payable in one lump sum.